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Subject: Special Construction Service Delivery Deadline FCC Form 471# 181028314 FRN 1899053478

Dear Ms. Ayer,

I am writing in support of Huntington School District's appeal to USAC to extend their Special Construction Service Delivery Deadline. The disbursement of reimbursement is contingent on completing the fiber build, which will not be possible without this requested extension.

This district was awarded E-rate funding, in addition to Federal and State Match in the amount of \$3.3 million. The build challenges faced by this remote, rural Oregon school district include geography, distance, and multiple permitting challenges which are often obstacles for modernizing technology in Eastern Oregon.

This is a rare and unique opportunity for a small, rural school district to secure high-speed broadband that is both scalable and affordable and is essential to provide all Oregon students with quality personalized learning opportunities in this digital age. I firmly believe that a zip code should not determine a child's future and getting access to these services will help bridge the technological divide.

In closing, the 94 enrolled students at Huntington School District are a great example of why the FCC adopted Special Construction as part of the 2014 E-rate Modernization Order – to bring educational equality to all.

As the State Representative of House District 60, I implore you to be an advocate for my young constituents and preserve the funding to keep this critical project moving forward.

Sincerely,

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